

Monday 7th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the lovely festive break! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing winter holiday. Thank you very much for all of your kind Christmas cards, gifts and wishes. We hope everyone is well rested and ready for the year ahead. This term we are welcoming Mr Carter to Red Oaks who is excited to be teaching Pear Tree Class this year.

It is undoubtedly going to be another busy and interesting term as we are exploring our new enquiry; '**What were the wonders of the Ancient Egyptian temples, tombs and treasures?**'

We will be exploring life during the Egyptian civilisation, thinking about our wonderings;

What were the traditions of Ancient Egypt?

How did the ancient Egyptians live? What did they do for fun?

Who discovered the pyramids? How were they made?

What were tombs? Why were they important?

Where is the River Nile and why was it so important?

Who were the important people?

What happened in mummification?

Just a few reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school.
- Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit**; house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor) and tracksuit bottoms (winter outdoor), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. As well as this a jumper, coat and trainers are advised for the colder winter months as we will be going out to do P.E come rain or shine! Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this in their home school contact books, whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a football magazine, it all counts! We will be looking in the home school contact books regularly so please can children bring them in on a daily basis.
- Homework and spellings will be set termly. Homework will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. We have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their chosen task in full and to the highest standards expected in class.

As have an open door policy at Red Oaks, please come and see us if you have any questions, concerns or children's celebrations! We will be available briefly in the mornings at the door or if a longer session is needed we can arrange a mutually convenient time afterschool. Please also feel free to email us via the contacts on the school website/newsletters should this be easier.

Here's to an exciting first term of the new school year!

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Hogan, Mrs Morgan and Mr Carter